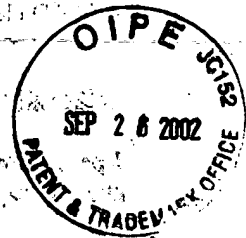


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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Sir:

In response to the outstanding Office Action dated August 27, 2002, in which the Examiner imposed a restriction requirement to election of species for the above-referenced application, Applicant elects to prosecute Species 1 drawn to including densifying the patterned silicon oxynitride layer through rapid thermal annealing in the presence of oxygen, without traverse. The claims that are readable thereon are Claims 1-4 and 11-19 wherein Claims 1, 2 and 11-19 are considered generic.

Applicant reserves the right to file divisional applications on the non-elected claims.

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